



*The Iowa Commission of Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs Proudly Presents*

# The API Civic Engagement Series

Part I

## November 12 - Panel Discussion & Dialogue



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*Ben Jung*  
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*Miyoko Hikiji*  
Candidate  
Iowa Senate 2016



*Moderator*  
*Michelle Yoshimura*  
Commissioner

**When:** Thursday, November 12, 2015  
5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

**Where:** Grand View University Student Center  
Prairie Meadows Plaza View Room  
2811 East 14<sup>th</sup> Street  
Des Moines, Iowa

**For Questions or to RSVP:**  
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*Join us to discuss:*

- ✓ *Connecting with government and making your voice heard in Iowa.*
- ✓ *Making a difference on issues that affect my community.*
- ✓ *Promoting a high quality of life for the API community through civic involvement.*
- ✓ *Learning from members of the API community who serve in elected office, on boards & commissions, and are running for office.*

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**Part I.** Panel Discussion, November 12, 2015  
*The Iowa Commission of Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs:  
Connecting with Government to Make Your Voice Heard*  
Grand View University Student Center – 5:30 – 8 p.m.

**Part II.** A Community Dialogue, November 19, 2015  
*Developing an API Community Plan*  
DMACC Urban Campus, Building #1 – 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

**Part III.** API Civic Engagement Summit, Coming in January

